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News for and about the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan



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DEADLINES

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[sorry - the pictures for this issue are still in cyberspace...]

Participants in the Diaconal Ministry Conference listen as John Willets of DePaul University speaks.

Willets Invites Deacons to Mentor Servant Ministries

Maria Maniaci

The Diocese of Northern Michigan's biennial Diaconal Ministry Conference was held September 10-11, 2004, at St. Stephen's, Escanaba. Deacon John Willets of DePaul University in Illinois, led those gathered through the conference theme, "Mentoring for Competency in the Promise." This was a continuation of the study begun 2 years ago with Willets at the last diaconal conference. Our focus was on living into the promises we make at our baptism and

summer at General Convention. Canon 7 Sec. 3 states, "The bishop may establish a Council on Deacons to oversee, study, and promote the Diaconate." And this is just what Kelsey is proposing to do. Anyone interested in volunteering to serve, or wishing to nominate someone for the Council, should contact Kelsey.

Saturday began with Morning Prayer, led by Kevin Thew Forrester, who also taught the group some new music from the Gather Hymnal, as well as other selections.

All totaled, participants were deacons, ordained and in formation; Diaconal Ministry Coordinators, a priest, a bishop, and "an interested party"; a very good mix.

We then set about exploring what is mentoring, and what makes for a good mentor. Willets used the story from Acts 8:26-39, about Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch, as a classic example of mentoring. Identifying the different parts as seeing a need, doing some active listening to define the need, suspending any judgment or assumptions, asking questions, and satisfying the need. In this case, the conversion and baptism of the eunuch.

Before the lunch break, we celebrated the Eucharist, each feeding their neighbor in turn around the circle. The afternoon was filled with discussion and further connecting with the baptismal promises, striving to make them a part of our daily lives, in work and mission. For most of us, this has been a way of life for us already, and this is what our congregations saw in us when they called us to the diaconate. This conference helped to show us that we have been about the Lord's work all along, and here are ways to celebrate that and to help us share it with others. As icons of "Christ the servant," we need to not only serve,

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Western Region to host 109th Convention October 15-17

The 109th Annual Meeting of the Diocese of Northern Michigan will meet in Houghton October 15-17, hosted by the Western Region of the diocese. Delegates from each of the congregations of the diocese, as well as other leaders and visitors, will gather at the Franklin Square Inn for fellowship and community building, and to do the business of the diocese. They will hear reports from various ministries and groups, elect members of Diocesan Council, deputies for the next General Convention, and other group; decide upon the budget of the diocese for 2005; and hear an address by Jim Kelsey, Bishop.

Wayne Teasdale

Wayne Teasdale will be the chaplain for this year's Convention. This Convention will take as its theme God the Trinity, the second part of the Baptismal Covenant. Teasdale will offer several meditations during the weekend reflecting upon this theme. Teasdale has been a key figure in the interfaith movement, and through books like *The Mystic Heart* and *A Monk in the World* has brought contemplative spirituality—and the selfless service that stems from it—into common discourse.

Raised in a Catholic family in Connecticut, he says of the people who have influenced his spiritual journey, "In my early life, it was this wonderful uncle, John Cosgrove, who embodied a depth of humility, discernment, insight and holiness. Then Thomas Keating, a Trappist

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Come Celebrate!

All are welcome
Please join delegates and
others at Trinity Church,
Houghton
Sunday, October 17
10:30am Eastern
for the Convention Eucharist

John Willets led the Diaconal Ministry Conference September 10-11.

diaconal ordination, and mentoring others to fulfill their call to be more Christ-like.

In Friday evening's session, after introductions, we looked at some learning profiles and started the discernment process about how we learn, and then teach.

Time was also allotted to the discussion of the new Canons of the Church that deal with ordination, life and work of deacons. This was led by Jim Kelsey, Bishop of Northern Michigan, who played a major role in how these Canons were written and passed, last

UTO and You: Fall Ingathering

Maria Maniaci

In the Fall, we think of the approaching holiday season, and that includes Thanksgiving.

It's one special day when we make an extra effort to say, "Thank You" for the blessings and bounty that we have enjoyed over the year past. Not to take anything away from the traditional feast day, but one day just isn't enough to thank our Lord and Maker for all of the blessings of this life.

That is why the United Thank Offering is dedicated to developing "an attitude of gratitude" in every Episcopalian. In all things, give thanks. The good days; the bad days; the so-so days. Enough to eat and share. Adequate housing. Meaningful employment. Good health. A warm, dry place to sleep. A Risen Savior. Eternity in Glory with the angels.

Giving thanks on a daily basis, is the foundation upon which all of the work of the UTO is built. As we give thanks with our lips, we are asked to also give thanks with our resources, our money. Thus the tradition of the "little blue box". As we pray and praise the Lord for our blessings, we drop a few coins into our little box bank.

It is from these offerings, collected in the Spring and again in the Fall, that UTO is able to make grants for spreading the Gospel, worldwide. And

because of some very wise foremothers, a trust fund was created years ago, whose income pays all of the administration bills, i.e. salaries, trainings, travel and supplies. This frees up every last cent that is collected in the Ingatherings, to be granted to worthy projects.

In the Diocese of Northern Michigan, we have received a grant in each of the last 3 years: St. Alban's, Manistique, for a vertical lift; Trinity, Houghton, Keweenaw Family Resource Center program needs; and this year, St. Mark's, Crystal Falls, also for a vertical lift. In recent years, what we have been granted has far exceeded our contributions.

This year's Fall Ingathering will be Sunday, November 7. And 100% participation continues to be our goal. By now, each parish / representative should have received the mailing from the national UTO office, with samples of materials available. I plan to have a good selection of these materials at our Diocesan Convention, in Houghton, in October. If you have a special request for specific materials, please let me know, and I will get them for you. Picking up these materials at convention saves ECW postage. Any questions or comments please feel free to contact me, at 906-428-4865 or mkm46@chartermi.net. Every day, in every way, I give thanks for you all.

The children and some of the teachers at St. Michael's Primary School in Khayelitsha, South Africa give an enthusiastic wave for the camera.

St. Michael's School Grows with Help from Northern Michigan

Margaret Sottile

Once again I am writing to you on behalf of the Peace and Justice/ Children's Advocacy Committee, to ask that you provide a scholarship of \$70 to the Northern Michigan Scholarship Fund at St. Michael's Primary School in Khayelitsha, South Africa. These monies will allow the children of parents who do not have the necessary financial resources to attend school. Last year our diocese raised \$1,534, which included a special donation of \$500, from both congregations and individuals. To us, \$70 to send a child to school for a year seems an amazingly small amount of money, but it is a huge investment in the child and ultimately in South Africa. I am touched by your generosity towards this vital project and hope that your generosity will continue this year. The parents of children attending St. Michael's are often unemployed intermittently and so some of the money will be used to keep those children in school. All parents pay in part for their children's education, even in public schools. If you cannot pay your child does not go to school. It is that simple!

Just to refresh your memory, in November 2001 I visited Khayelitsha. St. Michael's Anglican Church has a vibrant and diverse community outreach ministry. Some of their programs are similar to those of the Keweenaw Family Resource Center, an outreach ministry of Trinity Church in Houghton. Rachel Mash, Rector of St. Michael's, told me of her dream to open a primary school. In January 2003 her dream was realized when Grade R (reception) opened with 22 students and Grade I with 25 students.

The Spring newsletter from St. Michael's notes that this year they added Grade 2, and hope to add another grade each year. They are raising money to build a new facility, as they are now holding classes in a large home, which is straining to contain all the students.

I will be sending the money in November as their school year starts in January. Please send checks to:

Margaret Sottile
21706 Woodland Rd
Houghton MI 49931
906-482-4484

Please make checks payable to: St. Michael's Church, Khayelitsha.

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan

We envision a world in which all people live together in peace and in harmony with all of creation, where all can contribute and the gifts of all are joyfully received, nurtured, and supported, where our diversity is celebrated in community, and every human being is recognized as having eternal significance.

We commit ourselves to identify, nurture, and support the baptismal ministry of every single member/person of this diocese. The baptismal covenant is our guide and inspiration.

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These jubilant children are part of St. Michael's Primary School in Khayelitsha, South Africa. You can help them receive an education.

Meetings and Events

All Times Eastern

OCTOBER 2004

2	Diocesan Council	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
9	Commission on Ministry	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
12	MinisDevelopStrategyTeam	11:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
15-17	Diocesan Convention		Western Region - Houghton
19	Trust Association	10:30 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
22-24	Visitors Weekend		

NOVEMBER 2004

6	Sexual Boundaries Training	9:00 am	St Stephen's, Escanaba
7	UTO Fall Ingathering		
12-13	Council Goal Setting Overnight		Diocesan Offices, Marquette
13	ECW Board	1:00 pm	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
18	MinisDevelopStrategyTeam	11:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
20	Commission on Ministry	9:00 am	St Stephen's, Escanaba
20	South Central Region Board		
20	Preaching Workshop	1:00 pm	St Stephen's, Escanaba

DECEMBER 2004

11	Diocesan Council	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
15	MinisDevelopStrategyTeam	11:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
18	Commission on Ministry	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette



It's a New Day for ER-D

Gail Baravetto and Mary Kelsey

As the diocesan coordinators for Episcopal Relief and Development, we attended the ER-D annual networking meeting, which was held in Houston, Texas. The meeting afforded us many opportunities to learn more about ER-D's focus area. We attended workshops on securing food for families, and creating healthy communities, and heard many heartwarming stories of how ER-D is helping people through the Primary Health, HIV/AIDS and Food Security programs, and through its Emergency Relief and Rehabilitation program. We also learned about the success of the Gifts for Life program, volunteer opportunities, how we can be of assistance to our parish representatives, as well as more effective coordinators ourselves.

During the diocesan convention in October we hope to share more with you on the wonderful ministry of ER-D and how you can help.

For more information about Episcopal Relief and Development, go to their website at www.er-d.org

Mary Kelsey and Gail Baravetto are the Diocesan Coordinators for Episcopal Relief and Development.



Tales from Senior Camp

Building a Camping Community of Trust, Faith and Fun

Elizabeth Coleman

I breathe deeply and as the air feels my lungs all worries are gathered and released in my exhaling. The sounds of nature continue uninterrupted by technology, and warm smiles are extended at all angles. This is what Little Lake is for me, as a camper. I came new this year and felt like I'd been coming for years. Little Lake carries an essence of acceptance for who you are and makes you feel that your strengths are the differences you bring to the group. I am extending an invitation, a dare, to discover your true self, to reach the understanding I have been given.

Wheatley Coleman

When they all arrived on the first day, I saw an assortment of somewhat timid, excited guys and gals. You could see that they felt a bit unsure of what they would encounter in the coming week, a bit unsure of themselves, and a bit unsure of their fellow campers. Then in the days and nights that followed I watched as they opened up through talking, singing, praying, dancing, laughing, playing, crying, and hugging. The separate, unique campers that had arrived at Page Conference Center formed into a group—they were now a community.

This community that developed was one of faith, fun, and freedom to be

Senior camp at Page Center, 2004

themselves—three traits that were woven throughout the week to the point that they became indistinguishable and were one in the same. "Church camp" took on a new meaning. It was no longer an intimidating week filled with strangers and boring worship, it was great times full of praise and unconditional love with true friends.

As a first-year staff member this summer I not only had the honor of seeing the camp community form and

grow together, I also got to be part of it. The love that the staff and the campers developed for each other made every room we entered glow with warmth and acceptance. Anyone who participated in that week in any form could physically and spiritually feel the embrace of Christ's love that week. I hope that even more people will partake in the fun-loving faith community at camp next summer! I know I can hardly wait.

Transitions

Baptisms

Jacob Johnson
Trinity Church, Mackinac Island

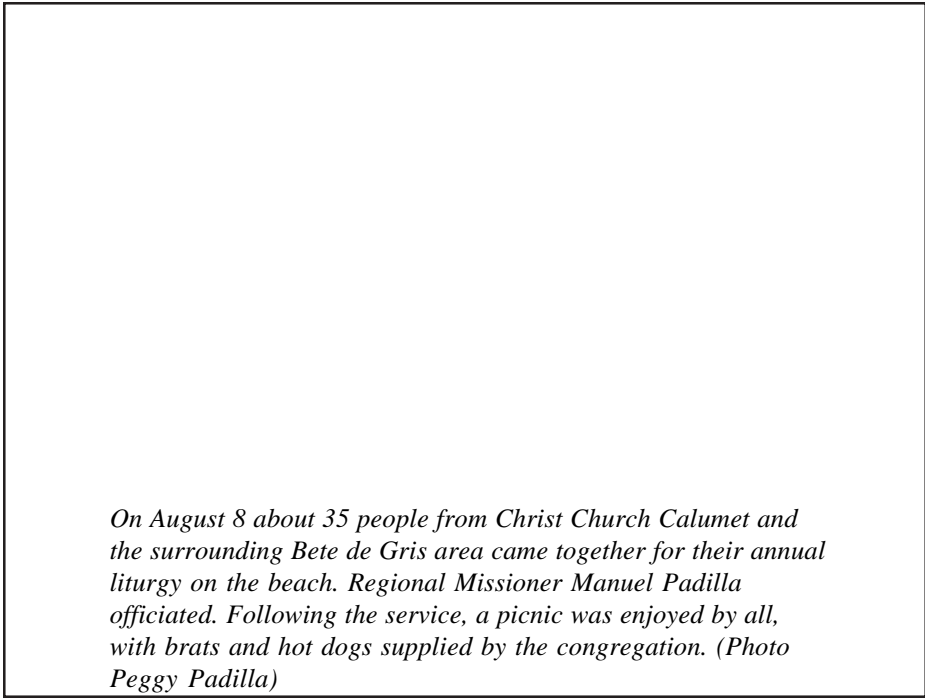
Deaths

Olive Messier
St. John's, Munising

George Shampine
St. Alban's, Manistique

Gwen M. Dale
Trinity, Houghton

Eileen Irwin Croghan
Trinity, Mackinac Island



On August 8 about 35 people from Christ Church Calumet and the surrounding Bete de Gris area came together for their annual liturgy on the beach. Regional Missioner Manuel Padilla officiated. Following the service, a picnic was enjoyed by all, with brats and hot dogs supplied by the congregation. (Photo Peggy Padilla)

Deacons called to mentor others in servant ministry

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but also to invite others to join us in that service of the world's needs.

John left us with one question: If your church building were to burn down, who, besides the members, would miss the work and witness you present to the world? We strive to live up to the core questions of our baptism, "Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?"; Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your

neighbor as yourself?"; and "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" As we keep these questions before us on a daily basis, active and loving mentoring become as natural as breathing.

May we all follow Philip's diaconal example, and be ready to serve where ever the Spirit calls us.

Want to see your Happening in *The Church in Hiawathaland*?

We don't print it if we don't know about it! The editor would love to hear about your events, ministries, celebrations, Baptisms, Confirmations, Deaths, or other news.

Contact Rise Thew Forrester at 906-228-0033 or rise@chartermi.net

What's New On the Web?

You can now register for diocesan events on line! You sign up by going to the website, and your registration will be forwarded to the registrar for that event.

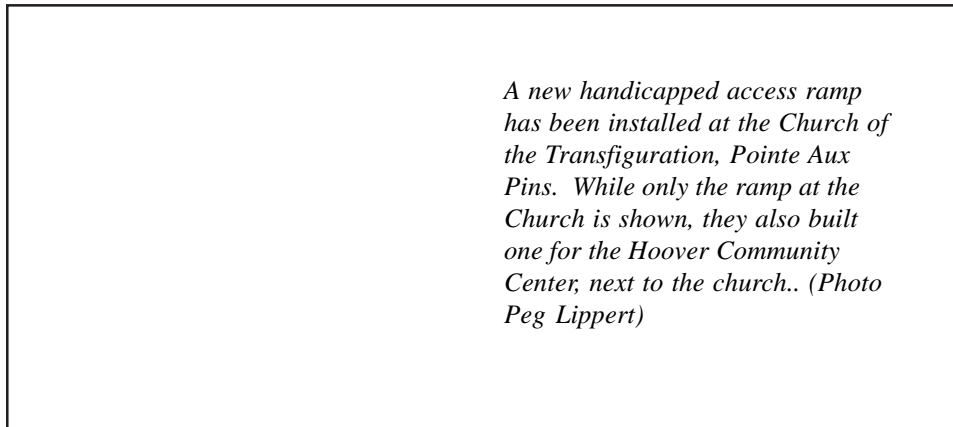
Barbara Susuan, diocesan webservant, continues to make improvements to the website. She would be happy to add information and photos to congregation's pages on the diocesan site, or to help you publicize your ministries. Contact her at barbarasusan@dionomi.org

Teasdale to offer reflections at Convention

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abbot and spiritual teacher whom I've known since I was an undergraduate, and from whom I learned most of the principles of the spiritual life. His wisdom and sanctity have been a constant source of inspiration for me. There is also Brother David Steindl-Rast, a Benedictine monk with a high degree of perception of divine matters and the psychology of the spiritual journey. I've learned a great deal from the Dalai Lama, who incarnates awareness in his very being, in his simple humanity, and his infinite capacity to accept others. Finally, there is the example of Bede Griffiths, an English Benedictine monk who spent nearly forty years in India. His selfless love, openness and acceptance of others taught me a lot."

Teasdale currently lives a life of engaged monasticism in Chicago. The holder of an M.A. in philosophy from St. Joseph College and a Ph.D. in theology from Fordham University, he teaches as an adjunct at DePaul University, Columbia College, and the Catholic Theological Union, and serves as coordinator for the Bede Griffiths International Trust. He is also a member of the Monastic Interreligious Dialogue and helped draft their Universal Declaration on Nonviolence, and serves on the board of trustees of the Parliament of the World's Religions. Through these important and diverse activities, Teasdale exemplifies Christianity's most important contribution to the world: an ethic of social service grounded in love. (Biography compiled from website information)



A new handicapped access ramp has been installed at the Church of the Transfiguration, Pointe Aux Pins. While only the ramp at the Church is shown, they also built one for the Hoover Community Center, next to the church.. (Photo Peg Lippert)

Episcopal Association for College Work 2004-05 Scholarships announced

\$37,000 was awarded to 4 graduating high school seniors, 10 undergraduates, and 3 graduate students for the academic year 2004-2005. The Episcopal Association for College Work (EACW) Scholarship Committee and Board in Houghton were delighted to receive a \$5,000 check from the Vestry of St. John's Iron River, MI. to add to the \$32,000 from the EACW Scholarship Budget.

For the coming year, High School Seniors received \$3,000 each; the continuing undergraduates \$1,800 each; and the graduate students were awarded \$1,666 each. Funds available for scholarship changes annually as does the amount awarded.

The Scholarship recipients for the academic year are:

- Graduating High School
- Kangas, Angela, Grace, Ishpeming Northern Michigan
- Sim, David, Transfiguration, Ironwood Marquette University
- Tyler, Johnathan, Trinity Gladstone Central Michigan
- Wahoviak, James, Holy Trinity, Iron Mountain Northern Michigan

- Undergraduates
- Clark, Cathy, Grace, Ishpeming Northern Michigan
- Collins, Mahlon, St. James, Sault St. Marie Central Michigan
- Gardner, Rachel, Trinity Houghton Kenyon College
- Hector, Paul, Grace Church Ludington, MI Michigan Tech Univ.
- Kilok, Katherine, Trinity, Gladstone St. Norbert College
- MacLean, Heather, Trinity, Houghton Mary Baldwin College
- Morrison, John, Holy Trinity, Iron Mountain Michigan Tech Univ.
- Nelson, Julie, St. Alban's, Manistique Bay de Noc CC
- Witry, Chris St. Peter's Chicago Michigan Tech Univ.
- Woodworth, Ceilia, St. Stephen's, Escanaba Calvin College,

- Graduate Students
- Dietzel, Beth, Trinity, Gladstone Western Michigan
- McCarthy, Emily, Trinity, Houghton MTU
- Woodworth, Phoebe, St. Stephen's, Escanaba University of Miami

Thank you for your support!

As of early September, *The Church in Hiawathaland* appeal had received a total of \$5,512.75. Mailing expenses were about \$450, leaving a net amount of \$5,062. Contributions continue to arrive.

It is through your generosity that we have been able to bring you *The Church in Hiawathaland* in Partnership with *Episcopal Life*, our award-winning national church paper, for almost 30 years.

If you would like to contribute, please send your donation to the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan, Hiawathaland Appeal, 131 East Ridge St., Marquette, MI 49855